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Good evening,

The Government is faced with a number of grave difficulties in carrying out effectively the provisions of the Metropolitan Town Plan and entirely new legislation will have to be considered.

As matters stand subdivisions of the hills face round Adelaide are occurring and have been approved under the Playford Government which are quite contrary to the recommendations of the Town Planning Committee and will utterly destroy the vista of the hills from the city which we know today. Unfortunately no regulations exist to prevent these subdivisions, and the Playford legislation on this score contain so many hindrances to the approval of effective regulations that it is a veritable obstacle course. As Minister in charge of Town Planning I regret that I cannot legally undo some of the things done under the Playford regime. But I can assure you that I will not stand idly by and see the hills face destroyed. With all speed regulations will be put forward to stop undesirable subdivisions. The provision of adequate recreation areas in the developing suburbs is also of vital importance to us. One of the most regrettable things about the development in recent years has been that the Town Planner has had no power to ensure that subdivision has not taken place without ovals, parks and gardens of the necessary size and number also being created.

To reverse this trend is one of the immediate tasks of Government and I can assure you that the work has already commenced. I believe that the people of Adelaide must be kept constantly informed of the rules about Town

Planning and I intend to see to it that this is done. Consultations are currently to take place with all interested people as to the measures we must introduce effectively to put into operation the Town Plan which was put forward in the report of the Town Planning Committee three years ago. I ask for the support of all of you in this vital work for the future of this State.

Goodnight.